

**MINUTES**  
**SANDY CITY COUNCIL**

Alta Canyon Quadrant Meeting  
Alta Canyon Recreation Center – Multi Purpose Room  
9565 South Highland Drive  
Sandy, Utah 84092

**May 22, 2007**

Meeting was commenced at 7:06 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**Council Members:** Acting Chairman Bryant Anderson, Steve Fairbanks, Chris McCandless, Linda Martinez Saville, and Stephen Smith

Mayor: Tom Dolan

**Others in Attendance:** CAO Byron Jorgenson; Management Analyst Korbin Lee; Intern Brooks Tingey; Public Information Trina Klinger; Assistant to the Mayor Marsha Millet; City Attorney Walter Miller; Community Development Director Mike Coulam; Public Utilities Director Shane Pace; Management Analyst for Public Utilities Scott Ellis; Public Works Director Rick Smith; Economic Development Director Randy Sant; Deputy to the Mayor John Hiskey; Assistant Police Chief Ron Bullock; Sergeant Mitch Howard; Fire Chief Don Chase; Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Shay; Assistant Director Parks & Recreation Scott Earl; Director Alta Canyon Janet Cassil; Administrative Services Director Art Hunter; Becky Condie; Brent Neuman; Assistant CAO Scott Bond; Council Office Director Phil Glenn; Council Office Manager Pam Lehman; Council Executive Secretary Wendy Densley

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:**

Chairman Dennis Tenney [business]

Scott Cowdell [illness]

1. **OPENING REMARKS/PRAYER/PLEDGE:**

The Prayer was offered by Boy Scout Vinnie Domingues of Troop #42, and the Pledge was led by Boy Scout Chance Kidd, of Troop #1519.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Members of the Council, Council Staff, Mayor Dolan, and CAO Byron Jorgenson introduced Department Heads and members of City Staff.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- a. There were no Citizen Comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

4. **SANDY CITY BUDGET OPENING/ ADOPTION**

Public Hearing to open the Sandy City Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and to consider adopting the Sandy City Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, including budgets for: the General Fund, the CDBG Operating Fund, Capital Projects Funds, Debt Service Funds, Landscape Maintenance SID Fund, Special Revenue Funds and various proprietary funds of the City, and a schedule of fees and charges.

**Discussion:** Administrative Services Director Art Hunter reported that the Alta Canyon Recreation Center is contemplating a remodel of their facility. Mr. Hunter explained that the expansion would potentially provide a new gymnasium, along with additional office space to accommodate the re-location of the Parks and Recreation Department. Studies are currently underway for a potential new community center in Historic Sandy where the Parks and Recreation Offices are currently located.

These community centers would provide numerous services for the community, along with various recreational and after school programs for the youth in our community.

The budget includes funding for various maintenance and renovation projects at City Hall and the City owned building currently being utilized by the University of Utah Extension. An additional \$200,000 was budgeted for the construction of a new building for the Public Utilities Department.

Improvements to the City's transportation system are currently underway. These; include the State Street widening project, reconstruction of 1300 East, and the 20th East Corridor improvements along with the Point of the Mountain Aqueduct. He reported that nearly \$1.6 million in matching grant funding has been set-aside for these projects.

Funding has also been appropriated for the repair and replacement of hazardous sections of sidewalks throughout the City. Asphalt overlays on 106th South, a traffic signal at Poppy Lane, and upgrades to the intersection at 90th South 450 West are also planned.

Mr. Hunter reported that the City is in the seventh year of an initiated 6.5% fee increase in water rates to establish an adequate funding source to secure water resources for Sandy's future. Federal grants along with city funding has been set-aside in previous budget years for the construction of the Granite tank, which is scheduled to begin this year.

As work on the ball fields and parks space at the northwest end of the Quarry Bend development nears completion, the development of the city property at the southeast end adjacent to the Sandy Amphitheater will begin in earnest. Funding was set-aside in previous years for this purpose. A trail will connect these two new pieces of the park system. Additionally, \$376,000 has been set aside to begin work on the Quail Hollow Park, with \$150,000 included to expand the parking at Lone Peak Park. Funding has also been earmarked for the expansion of the Bonneville shoreline and other trails.

Mr. Hunter reported that the final payment of \$255,000 for the irrigation system of Flat Iron Mesa Park will be met this year.

This budget includes matching funds for an historic preservation grant, along with funding for an initiative to purchase and renovate problem properties in neighborhoods. \$500,000 has been budgeted in the capital projects fund that is intended to be a revolving account that will be replenished when homes are renovated and sold.

The compensation plan addressed problems that departments have had hiring seasonal employees by increasing wages to more competitive levels. All employs will be eligible for a 3% adjustment to address cost of living and market increases. Moderating utilization of health and dental services have allowed the hearth insurance benefit to continue with little change at a modest increased cost to the city of 3%.

The budget includes funding for a webmaster who will be charged with making the city's web page a better way to get information about the city and conduct business with city departments. The budget also includes \$50,000 to explore the opportunity to extend wireless Internet service throughout the city.

Funding has been included for one more snowplow to keep the roads and city parking lots safely cleared during snowstorms. The position of a Fire Captain has also been proposed to replace one that was eliminated a few years back. Funding for a part-time crime prevention employee and a full-time CARI officer/youth court coordinator has also been included in this year's budget.

The budget funds four new events: The continuation of the Christmas Varsity Show, which started in 2006; a Founder's Day Celebration in Historic Sandy; a Visual Arts Show at the Sandy Senior Citizens Center; and the start of a Balloon Festival. To help coordinate and manage these and other events, the budget includes funding to replace a seasonal position with a full-time community events coordinator.

Sandy City continues to benefit from vibrant commerce and a strong tax base. As a result, this budget maintains the current property tax rate as one of the lowest municipal property tax rates of cities our size. The tax on telecommunications services decreases from 4.0% to 3.5%, as required by State law. It is worth noting that for the second year in a row, ongoing expenditures have been held in check to the extent now that \$2.6 million of ongoing revenue is being used for one-time projects. This provides a cushion against an economic downturn and

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allows us to provide for infrastructure and facility needs without incurring debt. For additional protection from emergencies, and financial disruptions, the general fund balance has been increased to \$5.5 million, which is 11.5% of revenue.

There will be an increase in the waste collection fund due to the contract with Waste Management, which includes a cost of living increase that will become effective in October. An increase on park impact fees has been included in the budget based on increased construction costs.

He informed the Council that adjustments were made to the tentative budget that includes Sandy Pride for the cost of bags [\$4,000] also, the creation of a CDA for 9400 South [\$100,000], which will be added to this year's and next year's budget to establish this fund. There has also been a change in the City Attorney's Office for a Prosecutor's assistant in the budget.

Additional funds have been added to the Selective Enforcement Program, along with additional fees added for the School District Feasibility Study.

Mr. Hunter expressed appreciation to the members of the Budget Staff, and for their assistance in preparing this year's Tentative Budget.

**Acting Chairman Bryant Anderson opened the Public Hearing. As there were no comments, the hearing was closed.**

**Chris McCandless** asked, based on the rising costs for gasoline, if the \$100,000 increase in this year budget would be adequate in order to avoid the same situation from arising next year.

**Rick Smith** stated that the proposed increase would cover next year's projected costs for increased gasoline prices.

**Chris McCandless** requested that consideration be given to increasing the salaries of the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission members. He requested that the rate paid to each commissioner be \$100.00 per meeting.

**Steve Smith** asked if the Council needed a formal motion in favor of increasing the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment salaries.

**Art Hunter** informed the Council that funding for the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment salaries could be adopted as part of the formal budget adoption, which would take place next week.

**Motion: Chris McCandless** made the motion to open the Sandy City Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and to have documents brought back next week to adopt the Sandy City Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, including budgets for: the General Fund, the CDBG Operating Fund, Capital Projects Funds, Debt Service Funds, Landscape Maintenance SID Fund, Special Revenue Funds and various proprietary funds of the City, and a schedule of fees and charges, and to also include salary increases for the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission members.

**Second: Steve Smith**

**Vote: McCandless – Yes, Smith – Yes, Saville – Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Cowdell- Absent, Tenney – Absent, Anderson – Yes.**

**Motion Approved: 5 in favor – 2 absent**

5. **ALTA CANYON RECREATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BUDGET OPENING/ADOPTION**  
Public Hearing to open the Alta Canyon Recreation Special Service District Budget for the period of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, and to consider adopting the Alta Canyon Recreation Special Service District Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

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**Discussion:** Mr. Hunter reported that there would be no significant increases or changes to the Alta Canyon Recreation Special Service District Budget.

**Acting Chairman Bryant Anderson opened the Public Hearing, then closed the hearing, as there were no comments.**

**Chris McCandless** expressed appreciation to the members of the Board of Directors for the Alta Canyon Recreation Center.

**Motion:** **Chris McCandless** made the motion to open the Alta Canyon Recreation Special Service District Budget for the period of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, and to have formal documents bought back next week to adopt the Alta Canyon Recreation Special Service District Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

**Second:** Linda Martinez-Saville

**Vote:** **McCandless – Yes, Saville – Yes, Smith – Yes, Fairbanks – Yes, Cowdell- Absent Tenney- Absent, Anderson – Yes.**

6. **MINUTES:** approving April 10, 2007 and April 17, 2007 City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Discussion:** The minutes were moved to the May 29, 2007 City Council Meeting for approval.

**Motion:** **Steve Fairbanks** made the motion to recess City Council Meeting and convene into Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

**Second:** Steve Smith

**Vote:** **Fairbanks – Yes, Smith – Yes, Saville – Yes, McCandless – Yes, Cowdell – Absent Tenney – Absent, Anderson – Yes.**

**Motion Approved: 5 in favor – 2 absent**

**RECESS AND CONVELE INTO:**

**\*\*\*REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING \*\*\***

7. **SANDY CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET OPENING/ADOPTION**

Public Hearing to open the Sandy City Redevelopment Agency Budget for the period of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, and to consider adopting the Sandy City Redevelopment Agency Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

**Discussion:** Mr. Hunter reported that there were no significant changes in the Redevelopment Agency Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He reported that a budget establishing a CDA [Community Development Area] District would also be created in this year's budget, which would include the area of the City that is north of 9400 South, west of State Street. The new soccer stadium will also be a part of the CDA District.

**Acting Chairman Bryant Anderson opened then closed the Public Hearing, as there were no further comments.**

**Motion:** **Steve Fairbanks** made the motion to open the Sandy City Redevelopment Agency Budget for the period of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, and to have documents bought back next week to adopt the Sandy City Redevelopment Agency Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

**Second:** Steve Smith

**Vote:** **Fairbanks – Yes, Smith – Yes, Saville – Yes, Cowdell – Absent; McCandless – Yes; Tenney – Absent, Anderson - Yes.**

**Motion Approved: 5 in favor – 2 absent**

7:50 p.m.

**Motion:** **Steve Smith** made the motion to adjourn Redevelopment Agency Meeting and reconvene into the Alta Canyon Quadrant Meeting.

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**Second: Steve Fairbanks**

**Vote:** The Council responded verbally in the affirmative to the motion.

#### **ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE INTO:**

#### **\*\*\*ALTA CANYON QUADRANT MEETING\*\*\***

**1. INTRODUCTION:** Council, Mayor, Department Heads, Planning Commission, and Community Coordinators. [This was held at the beginning of Council Meeting.]

#### **Discussion:**

**2. Mayor Tom Dolan:** *Overview of various elements of the City's Master Plan including but not limited to: Road Funding Mechanisms, Property Taxes, Gravel Pit Development, Soccer Stadium Development, "Safest City" status, Financial Health, and General Growth.*

**Discussion:** Mayor Dolan presented an overview of the City. The final census figures showed that there were actually only 88,000 people residing in Sandy. Reportedly, the original census projections were off, because the projections did not take into account that many Sandy youth have grown up and moved out of the City. If one counts the 37+ county islands found within Sandy (including White City which is now a township), the population would be closer to 94,000. At full build out, it is estimated that Sandy will have a population of 120,000 people.

Sandy is a "City of Families." The senior population has shifted from the Historic Sandy area to the Willow Creek area of the City. Sandy is proud to report a 2-1/2% unemployment rate. We currently have 80 new development projects underway. The Jordan School District has announced no school closures for our City. While the City has been recovering from three previous years of recession, astute financial planning has allowed us to retain all of our employees. No lay offs have occurred these past two years. This ensured that the residents of Sandy continued to receive the same high level of City services. We have been fortunate to be able to maintain a fund balance of 12%. This fund balance acts as a savings account for the City to provide funding for unexpected emergencies.

There are three main sources of income for the City. 1) Property tax assessment is the first source. Out of the largest 20 cities in the State, Sandy has the 17<sup>th</sup> lowest property taxes. Draper City and St. George have the lowest taxes. 2) The second source of income comes from fees charged for permits, services, and revenue from tickets written by the Police Department. 3) Sales tax is the third revenue producer. This funding source is the one that has the ability to show the greatest growth as economic development growth occurs. Continued economic development and growth have allowed the City to avoid property tax increases for the past 11 years. The largest portion of the taxes paid by Sandy residents is assessed by the Jordan School District.

Mayor Dolan explained that it is the City's goal to provide job opportunities for our residents and a variety of shopping experiences for our residents and those of the South Valley. Sales Taxes charged at point-of-sale are remitted to the State of Utah. Only 1% of the approximate 6.6% sales tax is divided amongst all Utah cities based upon population and point of sale. Our share of this tax is slowly being reduced, because our growth has slowed down significantly. We need tax revenue in order to continue to provide high-end services.

A national publication rated Sandy as the 23<sup>rd</sup> most livable city in the United States in its August 2006 issue. This rating considered all U. S. cities having a population of 50,000 to 300,000. Sandy was also rated the 26<sup>th</sup> "Safest City in the Nation" [of cities with populations of 75,000 and above]; Orem City came in 12<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor said this is a credit to the quality of service provided by Sandy's Police Department. Sandy has become one of the most livable and safe communities in Utah.

The City has spent \$55 million dollars to purchase and develop parks, and another \$60 million to develop 87 miles of trails and trail heads. We have always made the retention of open space for parks and recreation a top priority.

Three major goals of the Administration and City Council are to provide retail shopping, employment opportunities, entertainment, parks, recreation, and trail systems for Sandy residents. Citizens have indicated through various citizen polls conducted by Dan Jones and Associates that they would like to have additional places for families to recreate in the City.

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Mayor Dolan presented a brief update on numerous projects that are taking place in the City. He reported that a commuter rail stop is in the planning stages for the South Jordan area near 10000 south, along with the construction of a new office building and condominium project near the Union Heights project. He reported on the sale of the Sandy Mall to a new owner who is in the process of remodeling the facility, the problems associated with the property and landowners in relation to the vacant Fred Meyer Building, the Quarry Bend project where the new Lowe's and Wal-Mart are located. He indicated that 220 new town homes along with an 8-acre park are under construction at the Quarry Bend site.

The Civic Center area of the City has developed into a major hub for the City. A new two-story office building will be constructed in front of City Hall, along with several new office buildings north of City Hall. Two new hotels will be built in the area. The Hyatt Hotel north of City hall, and the Hilton Garden Inn, which will be located across the street from the Marriott Residence Inn.

The ReAL Soccer stadium will be a new addition to the Sandy area. The stadium was funded through transient room taxes, collected by Salt Lake County. Mayor Dolan reported that 94% of this tax comes from residents living outside of the community, and can only be used for travel, tourism, sports facilities, and recreation.

Mayor Dolan reported that designs are underway for the new Quail Hollow Park. The park will be located near 90<sup>th</sup> South 30<sup>th</sup> East, on 53 acres of property, and include a neighborhood park with bike lanes, a trail system, and a small dog park. He also noted that an urban fishery would be constructed near the River Oaks Golf Course.

Mayor Dolan reported that funding for a Founder's Day Celebration, along with a Balloon Festival, has been funded in this fiscal year's budget.

**Transportation Update:** Mayor Dolan stated that after all planned road improvement projects have been completed, over the next five years, he believes Sandy City will have the best transportation system in the State of Utah. We have been able to obtain millions of dollars from the State's Transportation funds to help fund some major road improvements to State roadways in Sandy. Some of those improvements include improvements to the following: 700 East from 94<sup>th</sup> South to Draper; State Street improvements from 8800 South to 106<sup>th</sup> South. Millions of dollars of federal funding have also been received to rebuild 13<sup>th</sup> East. Sandy is still preserving the 20<sup>th</sup> East Corridor for future extension. The Wasatch Regional Council has approved a double turn lane at 90<sup>th</sup> South and 700 East and the widening of 106<sup>th</sup> South from 1300 East to 1800 East. Two families have sued to stop the freeway interchange at 114<sup>th</sup> South. If they appeal, it could possibly be held up in court for another 18 months. The 114<sup>th</sup> South Interchange and western extension of 114<sup>th</sup> South has been approved by the State from State Street to the Bangerter Highway. A new Light Rail Station has opened at 94<sup>th</sup> South.

Mayor Dolan commented that Sandy City is the most livable and safe community in Utah. It has the best citizens, the best employees, citizen committees and hundreds of volunteers who volunteer their time and energy to the many productions held at the Sandy Amphitheater

Mayor Dolan reported that Sandy City, Draper City, Midvale City and Cottonwood Heights, have participated in discussion on the creation of a new school district for these cities. All of these cities are paying a proportionate share for a preliminary study to make sure that forming a new district would be viable. According to the first study, it is not only feasible but also desirable. Another firm has been hired to go into more detail, and that study is just getting underway.

A new district would have approximately 30,000 students, and we're currently paying a disproportionately larger share of the costs to run the entire district. If the new school district were to be formed, we would have more money per student and smaller class sizes than any other school district in the State, without assessing more taxes. There will be several public meetings held to discuss this issue before it is put on the ballot next November.

**3. Community Development Director Mike Coulam:** Overview of Development occurring in the City including: Retail Commercial, Professional Business and Residential.

**Discussion:** Community Development Director Mike Coulam reported that the City is currently experiencing one of its busiest periods in the history of the City. He reported that over 150 projects were handled by

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the Community Development Department over the past year. One of the responsibilities of the Community Development Department is to prepare a General Plan for the City, which is a mandate from the State. This plan is approved by the City Council with recommendations from the Planning Commission. The General Plan provides guidelines for the City to follow for the various types of growth and development that take place in the community. He invited the residents to meet with him after the quadrant meeting to address any questions of concerns that they may have.

**4. Public Utilities Director Shane Pace:** Overview of improvements to Culinary Water Operations, Street Lights and Storm Water.

**Discussion:** **Public Utilities Director Shane Pace** assisted by **Support Services Manager Scott Ellis**, presented an informative power point presentation, with an accompanying handout (see **Exhibit "A"**) highlighting ongoing projects in the City system-wide and current and recent operations in the City. He introduced former City Council member, Mike Edmonds, who currently serves on the Public Utilities Advisory Board.

Mr. Pace explained that Sandy is proactively seeking and planning for future water supplies to meet the demands of projected growth. This is especially important when the price of water is becoming more and more expensive. The Department of Public Utilities recently negotiated, and received approval from the City Council and Mayor, to purchase water from the Ontario Drain Tunnel (2,700 acre feet) located above the Jordanelle Reservoir. We've also purchased 900 acre-feet from Bell Canyon. The POMA project and Treatment Plan will ensure a year-round water supply and will increase the capacity to take in and treat Little Cottonwood Creek and Deer Creek water. Sandy's share of the cost to build this facility is \$65 million of the \$260 million project. The water that isn't used by Sandy can be leased to Jordanelle Water and other water users. These important water improvements are being paid through our current water rate structure and will take 30 years to pay off. Mr. Pace noted that 50 of the 112 projects outlined in the Storm Drain Master Plan have been completed. Many other waterline projects, storm drain projects, and upgrades at City wells were discussed and itemized in Exhibit "A".

**5. Public Works Director Rick Smith:** Overview of City Roads, New Construction, Maintenance, Snow Removal, Transportation issues, and Spring/Fall Clean-up Programs.

**Discussion:** **Public Works Director Rick Smith** provided a report outlining street projects in Sandy, and general City programs. Among some of the projects outlined was the 1300 East reconstruction project going from Sandy's north to the southern border, Automall Drive extension, improvements at the 114<sup>th</sup> South State Street intersection and many others. Improvements to State Street from approximately 90<sup>th</sup> South to 107<sup>th</sup> South started in November, 2006, and completion is projected for November 2007. One project currently underway is the installation of ADA ramps in the City. The City also offers a 50/50 program for the repair and/or replacement of concrete involved in sidewalks, as well as a program where the City gives \$100 towards the replacement for trees removed because they were damaging sidewalks, curbs, gutters and drive approaches. Spring and Fall Clean-up programs have been a huge success and continue to promote a tidy city.

He reported that 50% of the signal lights in the City have been replaced with LED lights, which burn longer and brighter. Radar signs would be placed in high traffic residential areas as traffic calming measures. Mr. Smith listed the numerous programs that their Department offers to the residents in the City: dumpster rental, snow removal, street sweeping, waste collection, recycling, and spring and fall bulk waste pick-up.

Mr. Smith reported that the new ABOP [antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint] facility is now open Monday – Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Salt Lake County will collect other hazardous waste on the second Thursday of each month between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**6. Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Shay** Discussed proposed long-term additions and improvements to the City's

Parks, Trails, Recreation Programs and Cultural Arts Facilities.

**Discussion:** **Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Shay** reported that residents have the ability to access information regarding the Parks and Recreation Department through the City's web page. A handout was prepared for the residents that included e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of the Parks and Recreation's General Information and Projects.

**[Ref: Exhibit "B"]**

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She reported on the proposed expansion of the Alta Canyon Recreation Center, which will include a new community center along with the Parks and Recreation Administrative offices. Ms. Shay noted that close to 50% of the participants involved with the programs offered by the City reside in the Alta Canyon Quadrant. Hopefully, construction may begin sometime in June 2008.

7. **Assistant Police Chief Ron Bullock: Police Operations Update**

**Discussion:** Assistant Police Chief Ron Bullock reported that the Police Department is presently fully staffed with three officers who are on extended military leave. The Computer Assisted Policing Strategy [CAPS] program has been operational for the last several years. This program generates crime statistics where crime occurs in the City. Each of our police cars is now equipped with video cameras and on-board computers. We now have a state-of-the-art surveillance van, and a new mobile command center will soon be purchased. All Sandy officers are armed with tasers, which have prevented injuries to both police officers and those arrested. A new larger evidence storage building will be constructed. The Police Department assigns one of four lieutenants to each of the individual quadrants in the City. Lieutenant Howard is the officer assigned to the Alta Quadrant.

The Children at Risk Program helps provide the needed resources to help children become more productive. A new Youth Peer Court has been established to help the court deal with juvenile offenders. We are approximately four years away from having fully implemented a City-wide Community Oriented Policing Program. This program brings the Police Department and the citizenry closer together and makes a bond that improves relations between the police and the public.

According to an article published in a prominent magazine, Sandy is the 26<sup>th</sup> Safest City in the Nation. Sandy's police force has an average record of response to emergency calls of 1 minute 36 seconds, and 10-1/2 minutes for non-emergencies. The Sandy Police Department has adopted a Core Values Statement: *"Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do."*

8. **Fire Chief Don Chase: Fire Operations Update**

**Discussion:** Fire Chief Don Chase announced that the Sandy City Fire Department was established in 1908, and it is drawing close to the department's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Sandy City Fire Department is one of the oldest organizations in the City. He stated that he has the opportunity to work with 76 highly trained and qualified firefighters.

Sandy has five fire stations; each having 3-4 firefighters. We now have one fire station for every four square miles in the City. Chief Chase believes we have the best fire department in Utah. All fire stations have paramedics on staff. We also have twenty volunteer firemen. This year, the Sandy Fire Department received 1,900 calls related to fire, and 4,000 medical calls. The Fire Department's average response time is 4 minutes or less.

Chief Chase reported that the new Alta Canyon Fire Station is under construction with the addition of some new and exciting amenities added to the facility. New generators will be added, along with a new Police Substation, a meeting room for the general public and citizen groups to utilize.

We have access to new innovative equipment. Ten years ago, an infrared helmet cost \$25,000 apiece. Technology has evolved to the point that we now have at least one at each fire station, and they now cost only \$7,000. These marvelous helmets provide the technology so a fireman can see through very dense smoke and find a person that has not yet been evacuated from the structure. We have also purchased the new Auto Pulse machine for all five fire stations. These machines are 10 times more efficient than manual CPR (Coronary, Pulmonary Resuscitation). Manual CPR can break a person's ribs, and a consistent rhythm is hard to maintain, especially when the patient is being moved. All five fire stations extend their appreciation to Sandy citizens, the Mayor and the City Council for their continued support. Chief Chase advised the audience to call if the department could help them in any way.

9. **Community Coordinators Introduction/Comments**

**Discussion:** Assistant to the Mayor Marsha Millett reported that the City has implemented a great communication system to enhance communications between the residents and local officials. The Alta Quadrant



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consists of seven communities. She introduced the acting community coordinators along with those individuals who attended the quadrant meeting. She complimented the coordinators for their volunteer service provided to the community. She expressed appreciation to the coordinators and noted that they provide numerous hours of time and effort to provide service to their community.

**Suzie Austin**, Community Coordinator for area 16, stated that she enjoys serving as a community coordinator along with the Neighborhood Watch Program. She expressed appreciation for the assistance that was provided by the Police Department and Code Enforcement officials in patrolling a home and eventually breaking an identity theft ring that was operating from this home. She stated that if the neighborhood and community becomes involved, the system will work and be very effective.

**Mike Edmonds**, Community Coordinator for area 18, stated that his community has been a very quiet area. He reported that he recently moved back into Sandy after living in Wyoming for three years. He stated that it was great to be back. Council Office Director Phil Glenn informed those who were present that Mike Edmonds had been a former City Councilman.

**Sonja Clark**, Community Coordinator for area 19, stated that residents enjoy having a link to the Mayor through the community coordinators. She also complimented the Code Enforcement Department for their efforts. She reported that the community is working to complete a park at the end of Newcastle Drive. She stated that this would be a "showstopper" once it is completed.

**Sue Foster**, Community Coordinator for area 21, stated that it has been a wonderful opportunity to work with the members in the community.

10. **CITIZENS' QUESTION & STAFF ANSWER SEGMENT:**

**Chairman Anderson opened the meeting for Citizens' questions. This portion of the meeting was closed, as there were no comments.**

**Mr. Anderson** complimented Staff on their informative presentations. He also noted that he has enjoyed working with the Administration and Staff. He expressed appreciation to Mayor Dolan for his efforts in obtaining federal funding to assist with many of the projects to help improve our city.

**Steve Fairbanks** expressed appreciation to the Community Coordinators for the efforts they put into making Sandy a great place to live.

**Bryant Anderson** also expressed his appreciation to the City Council members for taking the interests of the citizens to heart.

**At approximately 8:53 p.m., Chris McCandless made a motion to adjourn Council Meeting, motion seconded by Steve Fairbanks.**

**The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.**

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**Acting Chairman Bryant F. Anderson**  
**Council Chairman**

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**Pam Lehman**  
**Council Office Manager**

